

CAB MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 1, 2006

Members Present: Leonard Janiga -Chairman
Dave Muench
Jim Heinrich
Roger Gustavel
Warren Cullen, Sr.
Bud Pearce

Members Absent: Ralph Burch

Leonard Janiga opened the meeting @ 6:35PM.

Old Business:

Leonard reported that the Garrison application for the flag lot on Three Rod Rd. (which was reviewed at our last meeting) has been withdrawn from consideration. He also stated that the Marilla Zoning Board reviewed a letter submitted by Ralph Burch outlining his reasons for rejecting the flag lot permit, but had not seen the letter from the CAB recommending the same.

Leonard expressed concerns why the Zoning board had not seen the CAB's recommendation letter and that Ralph Burch's comments would be taken as that of the CAB. A copy of the CAB's letter was shown to members who had not previously seen it.

New Business:

Leonard presented a data list from the year 2000 of landowners in Marilla to contact as possible candidates for PACE program grants in the future. The CAB members reviewed the list of possible PACE Program candidates checking for accuracy and attempting to update any information that was known to have changed since the list was compiled.

According to Councilman Specht, the Town Board will pursue more PACE grants, although he states, "the rules have changed dramatically." Grant applications must now be made for specific properties rather than a "blanket" grant. It is now necessary to request a grant for each individual parcel.

After reviewing the list, it was determined that some additional research on some of the SBL numbers will be necessary to confirm any changes in ownership or division of lots.

Leonard proposed that we send letters to these landowners seeking their participation in the current PACE Program. Seeing that some of the landowners on the list have already participated, Roger suggested a separate letter thanking them for past participation, while also seeking more acreage. The board decided they will compose two separate letters to the PACE candidates to mail out as soon as possible.

Councilman Specht asked Leonard to give him an update on the status of his PACE Grant for his Jamison Rd property. Councilman Specht stated that the Town Board is under the impression that all legal documents for this Grant are complete. He stated that the state and feds are content and it is up to the two parties to sign the papers. If that doesn't happen by 8/31/06 it would be pulled. Leonard stated that he has been waiting for a year and that he still hasn't been giving anything to sign.

Leonard presented an article from Vegetable Growers Magazine that told of New Jersey's attempt to preserve farm land. Now that they have lost a good deal of their farm land and much of New Jersey's vegetable production has had to move to other regions such as Marilla, NY, they are taking the initiative to put programs such as PACE into place.

Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion seconded by Dave Muench. All members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Gustavel